

Anarchy In High Life.

A St. Louis Judge Does Not Mince Words in Dealing With The "Respectable" Scoundrels.

Last week the KICKER told its readers about the "respectable" directors of the St. Louis Street Railway monopoly being indicted by the grand jury for bribing the people's representatives. The grand jury that found these indictments went out of existence and another was immediately impaneled to continue the bribery investigations. In his instructions to the present jury Judge Ryan used this very significant language:

"The work and report of the last grand jury revealed appalling conditions touching bribery of public officials.

"These revelations indicate that men in high position in the social life and commercial activities of this community have, in their endeavor to secure public franchises for private gain, not hesitated to bribe members of the Municipal Assembly to betray the public interests and welfare they were elected to protect.

"NO GRAVER DANGER EXISTS IN OUR MIST THAN THIS INFAMOUS METHOD OF ROBBING THE PEOPLE BY CORRUPTING THEIR TRUSTED REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS A MENACE TO OUR CIVIC AND POLITICAL LIFE. IT IS ANARCHY, FOR IT STRIKES AN INIQUitous AND DEADLY BLOW AT GOVERNMENT.

"It substitutes the debauching moneyed power of criminally irresponsible combinations and corporations, acting through their venal agents, or hirelings, and unscrupulous public officers, for the lawfully constituted authority vested by the people in the municipal legislative body to be by it honestly and faithfully administered.

"The higher the position of the persons who bribe, or are bribed, the greater their moral responsibility, because the more potent for evil is their wicked example, but to all who so offend, be they high or low, powerful or humble, there should be meted out certain, swift and severe punishment."

Reader, what do you think of the necessity of such strong language coming from a judge of the circuit court of St. Louis? How do you like our "advanced civilization?" How do you like a system of government that places the dollar above the man? How do you like a system of government so corrupted that the "eminently respectable" traffic in the honor and in the very souls of men? And this, too, in the banner Democratic state of the West, and in the World's Fair city which all nations are invited to visit!

What is true of the municipal assembly in St. Louis is also true of our legislative assembly at Jefferson

City. What is true of your legislative assembly at Jefferson City is also true of the legislative assemblies of quite all the states, and of the national assembly at Washington! What are you going to do about it?

In the KICKER of January 11 the following editorial appeared:

"For the proper consideration of the question, anarchists should be divided into two groups or classes. The common anarchist is usually of foreign birth. He is opposed to law. He is opposed to courts and to government. He believes in a country without government, and the methods resorted to to bring about the conditions which he desires is the assassination of the heads of government."

"The higher class of anarchists are of both foreign and native birth. They believe it to be the duty of one class of society to work hard so that another class of society may live in idleness and luxury. They have laws passed so that the taking of the lion's share of what the laborer produces is 'legal,' and their puppets are placed in high official positions to administer said laws. As a result, people starve, suicide, go mad and commit crimes. The method resorted to to bring about these conditions is 'bribe'."

"Of the two classes mentioned, which should be considered the most dangerous? If it comes to driving out anarchists, which class shall go first?"

And now, a month later, comes Judge Ryan, of the St. Louis circuit court, and expresses practically the same sentiment. He says: "No graver danger exists in our midst than this infamous method of robbing the people by corrupting their trusted representatives. It is a menace to our civic and political life. IT IS ANARCHY, for it strikes an iniquitous and deadly blow at government."

This is the language of a learned judge of the St. Louis circuit court. "IT IS ANARCHY!" he declares in thunder tones—and who will dare deny that he speaks the truth?

And it is these high-collared "respectable" bribe-givers and corruptors of the people's trusted representatives, and their newspaper organs, that are howling for a law to muzzle the press and to curtail the freedom of speech! It is this class of "respectable" rascals who give a small per cent of their ill-gotten wealth to charity so that their newspapers can prate about what good Christians and great philanthropists they are.

Coolidge suffered the penalty for his infamous crime. The St. Louis anarchists will contribute liberally to the next campaign fund, have their puppets elected to administer the "law," and go free!

THE SOUTHEAST.

Doings and Happenings in Neighboring Counties.

Southeast Missouriian: A Shannon county man circulated a petition in his township asking congress to adopt resolutions of sympathy for the Boers. He presented the petition to 218 men, 200 of whom signed the petition; 12 expressed sympathy for the Boers, but refused to sign because they did not want to embarrass the administration; one refused to sign because he believed the British were in the right. This incident represents pretty fairly the sentiments of the American people on the question.

Caruthersville Press: Congressman Vandiver is putting in some good looks for Pemiscot county and Caruthersville by doing some hard work for the levee and harbor appropriations. Our people are noticing this and will put in some good looks for Mr. Vandiver when the time comes.

Henry Reynolds, eighteen years old, son of Squire Wm. Reynolds, a respected citizen of Bell City, has been arrested charged with robbing the mails. Young Reynolds carried the mail between Bell City and Tillman. He confessed.

Perryville Republican: After a meeting of the officers of the St. Louis Memphis and Southeastern railroad last Friday, it was given out that they had bought the Houck road from Ste. Genevieve to the junction.

The Charleston Telephone Co., was damaged about \$1500 by the recent sleet storm. The service had to be discontinued for a short time.

Seed corn is selling at \$2 per bushel at Columbia, and Boone county farmers are wondering what it will cost at planting time.

Four prominent citizens of New Madrid county died recently, their combined age being 277 years.

Perryville Republican: Superintendent Houck informs us that practically all the right-of-ways have been secured for the proposed Houck road from Cape Girardeau to Perryville.

Ed. Norton, a 14-year-old Piedmont boy, gave his old mother a severe beating last week because she refused to supply him with money to see the sights of St. Louis.

Green Tucker, one of the oldest citizens of Dunklin county, died last week. He was born in 1830, and died on the farm on which he had lived since 1880.

Andrew J. McIlmish, who, last week, had his arm crushed by a train at Cape Girardeau so that it had to be amputated, died Thursday morning. The county court of Butler county last week divided the office of circuit clerk and recorder. Both offices had heretofore been held by one man.

The \$200,000 coopers plant of the E. D. Williams company, which was destroyed by fire last December, at Poplar Bluff, is being rebuilt.

The State Horticulturist declares that the Missouri peach crop was killed during the recent cold spell. Apple trees are not injured.

Fitzhugh Lee's Only Scare.

When Fitzhugh Lee was Governor of Virginia he accepted an invitation to attend a reunion of veterans in one of the cities of Florida. He went to a fashionable hotel, expecting to have to pay a fancy price for accommodations, but not prepared for the straggling rates he found framed on the door of his apartments.

"I was not, at that time, in a position to incur extravagant expenses," he says, "and the only way that I could see out of my predicament was to go to the clerk and state that an unexpected matter of pressing importance demanded my immediate return to Richmond. This program I carried out, and then, bracing myself, asked how much my bill was."

"Your bill," said the hotel man, "is an honor for this hotel to have the Governor of Virginia as a guest, and we could not think of accepting pay from you."

WHAT'S WHAT, ANYHOW?

Is The New Railroad Coming This Way, That Way, or T'other Way?

What means all this monkey business about the proposed new railroad route through Scott county? That another road is going through is a certainty. But which way?

That a direct line from St. Louis to Memphis will be built, is also quite sure. And that this line will want to be on "speaking terms" with the bridge across the Mississippi river, also, is quite probable.

A line has been run from the Simon Heiserer place, north of Oran, along the valley about half a mile north of New Hamburg and thence through Frank Memmer's farm, south of Keok.

Another line was run from Beech-wood, on the S. M. & A. Ry., around the foot hills through Oran and about a mile west of Morley. At present it appears as if this will be the route selected. But will it?

Efforts have been made by the same interests to capture the Houck road—the Papine. On several occasions special trains conveying the "inspector" have gone through, and it may be that Mr. Houck is a little high priced. Railroading is like a game of poker—the man who gets in his bluff wins.

It has been rumored that shops were to be established either at Oran or Morley. This was thought to be a bluff at Cape Girardeau. That city was slow about granting rights, titles and franchises.

Wednesday L. F. Kloterman, Ben E. Adams and Prof. McGhee, of Cape Girardeau, landed in Benton. When asked what business they had to come down and disturb the peace and quiet of our town, they answered: "A water-line is to be built from St. Louis to Memphis. It will go around the foot hills through Oran and west of Morley to Sikeston, and from Sikeston to Paw Paw, Caruthersville and Memphis. We have guaranteed twenty acres of land on which to build their shops. It is land belonging to the Leo Doyle estate, and some of the heirs live here. We came to negotiate with them."

The heirs referred to are the children of the late L. L. Proffitt, and they refused to entertain the offers of the special envoys from the Cape.

However, these gentlemen say that the contract has been let to build the road from St. Louis to Memphis, and that it is to be completed by December 31, 1902.

And while these men were here trying to secure land on which to build the shops, other men were at Oran, and still others were trying to get the Joseph Burger farm, adjoining Oran, who said they wanted it on which to build the shops.

Ste. Genevieve county says she is going to get the shops—and so it goes.

Surprised Her All Right.

A Clear creek farmer, in Vernon county, wishing to surprise his wife, decided while going home from Nevada that he would appear before her dressed in a new suit of clothes just purchased in the city. Stopping at a bridge he peeled off his old suit and had thrown it in the creek before he discovered that the bundle containing his new clothes had jarred out of the wagon. Although it was a cold night, it was also a dark one for which he was thankful. Upon reaching home the surprise to his wife was even more complete than he had arranged for.

In The Right Direction.

It was 11:30 p. m., and they listened apprehensively to heavy feet coming down stairs. "It's papa!" gasped the fair one. "Oh, Emil, I'm sure he is coming down to quarrel with you again!" "Don't fear, darling," said Emil, nervously, "I am going to take steps to prevent any such unseemly scene."

"Oh, Emil, how lovely; steps in what direction?" "Toward home!" and Emil seized his hat and faded away through the doorway silently and with great speed.

The individual who gets the fewest letters makes the most complaint to the postmaster; the man who never had a square meal at home grows at the hotel accommodations; the person who complains the most of his neighbors is the meanest of the lot; the church member who pays the least to the preacher's salary finds the most fault with the preaching and always complains of the bad management of the church and the subscription who is slowest to pay his subscription finds the most fault with the local paper, unless it is the fellow who borrows his neighbor's copy to read—Douglas County Herald.

A hound dog may be a slouch to look at but his style of canine is needed when you are hunting for a trial; a poodle dog is mighty poosy but he isn't any good when it comes to business; an angry man may not be a thing of beauty and joy forever—but if he possesses brain, energy and respectability, one had best do business with him. We eling no mortar at pretty men, nor women (and we like both of the species) but beauty is only skin deep; it's the inside works that makes the watch keep the time of day.—Oakwood Call.

One third of the railway mileage of the world is under governmental control. The total mileage is 484,348 miles, of which 190,176 miles are owned in this country. There were many of the arguments deducted by Messrs. Hill and Harrison before the Interstate Commerce Commission which could be used in support of the proposition that the government should control the railroads of this country.—Lebanon (S. D.) Independent.

Compare the KICKER with other Scott county papers and note the difference in news service.

From Keok.

Not only can Keok boast of having a centennial in the person of Mrs. Martin Tuckwell, but we have an union that was contracted more than half a century ago. On February 10, 1852, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brenkel were united in marriage. It was arranged for the aged couple to celebrate their golden wedding at the Catholic church, last Monday, but the unfavorable weather caused Mr. Brenkel to take cold and he was unable to reach the church. However, services were held in honor of the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

Wigdor, of the Grand Leader, will make his "home run" on rare bargains during the coming week. He must give possession of the building he now occupies, and will begin to pack up his goods on Monday, February 24. We regret to lose Mr. Wigdor and family, for they are good people.

John Sailer, the "hose tailor," went to the Cape Sunday to see his best girl. Monday morning he drove into town looking as pleasant as a basket of chips, and seemed to have some hope for a speedy recovery—for John is a valuable citizen.

While carrying bridge lumber with his brother John, Paul Robert, son of Chas. Robert, slipped and fell. His head struck a stone and the lumber landed on his head, resulting in a fracture of the skull that is quite serious. He is 19 years old.

William Sanders and Miss Annie Peets were married at the Lutheran church at 11 o'clock Tuesday. There was a large attendance, and after the ceremony the guests were entertained at the home of the bride.

Joseph Scherer, of the Manning neighborhood, is a victim of the sleet. While chopping wood he slipped and seriously cut his leg between the knee and ankle.

John Williams, of Cape Girardeau, accompanied by his daughter, visited the family of Dr. Williams the first of the week.

Drury Bros. request that parties having empty A. B. C. beer kegs return them at once.

The infant child of John Klughart died Tuesday and was buried here Wednesday.

Albert Schuetz, of Graysboro, was here Saturday.

From New Hamburg.

During nuptial mass, Tuesday forenoon, Louis Dohogne, of Keok, and Miss Coena, Heiserer, of this place, were united in marriage. Wm. Dohogne and Ignatius Lauck, of Keok, were the groomsmen, and the bridemaids were Miss Katie Dumey, of Keok, and Miss Crescentia Heiserer, of Oran. The bride was elegantly gowned and the groom looked his best. After the ceremony the invited guests were highly entertained at the home of the bride.

Everybody about us is talking "railroad" but the fever has not yet struck this place. We shall be content to let the other fellows have the fever. The natural and direct route to the bridge that will span the Mississippi river is via New Hamburg and Keok.

Your correspondent noticed a group of men in earnest conversation in the alley Wednesday, and it was afterward rumored that a reorganization of the Schumer-Kase Verein had been under consideration.

Chas. Proffitt and Dick Williams have been taking it turn-about in bringing us mail from Benton since the quarantine bars on Clements Heiserer.

Nick Scherer goes about town whistling that old tune, "It's nice to be a daddy." It's a girl and was born on Friday last week.

The sleet holds on well and our farmers fear the thaw during the day and the freeze at night. They fear a great damage to the wheat crop.

There was a large attendance at church Wednesday—the beginning of the Lenten season—and the services were unusually impressive.

Miss Ida Gerst, who has been sick since last fall, is slowly regaining her health.

From Oran.

Joseph Glenn Bowman, aged 2 years, 5 months and 27 days, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bowman, died at the residence of his parents on February 5, 1902, after an illness of five weeks duration, in which he suffered untold agony.

The Baptist meeting will begin on February 22. The State Evangelist could not come sooner and the congregation decided to wait on him.

We learn that the contract has been signed for the construction of the new railroad, and the surveyors are making the final survey.

There was a car wrecked on our sidetrack Sunday morning, and the "wrecker" came down that afternoon and cleaned it up.

Mrs. B. F. Tenkoff went to New Hamburg Tuesday to attend the Dohogne-Heiserer wedding.

J. F. Jones is here resting up after a spell of sickness. He is visiting his uncle, J. W. Clemson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Jolly, a son, Jim hits the ground only in the high place.

Mr. Blomeyer is here to look out the right-of-way for the new railroad.

Rev. Monag spent Tuesday afternoon with Father Heimbacher.

Born on the 7th inst. to the wife of Elmer Joyce, a girl.

Drew Greer is quite sick; threatened with pneumonia.

Marriage Licenses Granted.

Benj. F. Marshall.....Blodgett

Mary F. Austin.....Sikeston

Louis Dohogne.....Keok

Coena Heiserer.....New Hamburg

From Morley.

A sad accident occurred here Wednesday. Lee Earles, who is building some houses at Belmont for William Hunter, came home for a brief visit and was arranging his desk to take down with him. He handed his wife his pistol, remarking that she might need it during his absence. Mrs. Earles placed the pistol on the dresser, expecting to put it away later. Mr. Earles went out in town and Mrs. Earles ran over to a neighbor's on an errand. Their little daughter, Venes and Pearl, aged 3 and 6 years, respectively, were playing on the floor. Pearl discovered the pistol, got it down and began playing with it. It was discharged and the ball struck little Venes in the breast, killing her instantly.

Morley lodge, 427, I. O. O. F., installed officers last Saturday night, as follows: William Clayton, N. G.; Albert Evans, V. G.; E. Daugherty, secretary; J. E. Conleton, treasurer; Jas. Murphy, warden; N. L. Atwood, R. S. N. G.; Barney Sommers, R. S. V. G. A nice time reported.

M. B. Comstock, formerly a resident of the Vanduser neighborhood, and a brother to Obe and Elijah Comstock, died in the Indian Territory last Monday. His remains arrived here Thursday evening for burial.

There is considerable talk about town of running C. R. Hunter for president judge of the county court. Dick would give his opponents a run for his money.

Jesse M. Adams made a business trip to Lawrenceville, Illinois, and Vincennes, Ind., this week.

Dr. Campbell and wife and Mrs. Sarah Boyce, of Commerce, visited P. H. Boyce this week.

Louis Guber, of Blodgett, candidate for sheriff, was here shaking hands with the boys this week.

The familiar whistle and the buzz of the saw are again heard at the stove factory.

Louis Houck, the Peavine king, passed down the line one evening this week.

Wade Anderson, of Commerce, was here a few hours Tuesday.

J. J. Hunter was at Cape Girardeau this week.

From Blodgett.

J. L. Robertson, Louis Guber, W. B. Conleton and J. H. Sirculson attended the installation of I. O. O. F. officers at Morley Saturday night.

Miss Maud Story, of Charleston, who has been visiting Miss Bertin Shell for a few days, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Harp, of Fredericktown, will take charge of the Commercial hotel at this place soon.

Mrs. J. W. Werneke visited friends at Beesville Saturday and Sunday.

J. Engstrom and R. J. Church went to Sikeston Tuesday.

Mrs. O. F. Goodin returned from a visit to Boston Saturday.

Joseph Miller, from Oran, was here Monday on business.

From Rockview.

A lot of young men of this place, among them Lon Palmer, C. Cagle, Marion Callis, Rube Smith and Theo. Esener, attended a dance at Dutch-ton Saturday night. They report a nice time—didn't get in till about 6 o'clock Sunday morning.

C. E. Weaver, head sawyer at the saw mill here, has just returned from a visit to West Frankfort. He informs us that he is now sole owner of the mill, having bought out his partner while away.

Nick Menz, our merchant, returned Tuesday night from a three days' visit to Benton and New Hamburg. Wonder what shape the magnet is that draws him over there and holds him so long.

John L. Smith, of West Frankfort, Ill., was here Tuesday looking after his saw mill interests.

Gus Friedrich, of El Reno, Okla., was here Tuesday shaking hands with his friends.

Your correspondent has been laid up for several weeks with a sore foot, is able to work again.

From Graysboro.

As the primary is early this year we expect to see the candidates coming our way soon. The "Point" is worth coming to now.

Work here is about on a standstill, and the boys are enjoying their rest. We live in hope that the weather will soon moderate.

We are informed that a big gang of men will be put to work on the bridge as soon as the weather will permit.

Most of our sick people are improving. Drs. Cannon, Williams and Fraser have been pretty busy.

Will Miller has purchased property at this place. He thinks the town is on a boom—if others don't.

People on the south side are talking of building a church. That's just what we need.

The transfer tried to move Tuesday but stuck again on the other side of the dike.

George Miller and family left Friday for a week's visit to relatives in the band.

Wolves were heard the other night on the Bollinger place.

Joseph F. Watkins.

Joseph F. Watkins, of Tywappity township, announces this week as a candidate for sheriff of Scott county, subject to the primary, April 5.

Mr. Watkins is no stranger to the people of this county, having resided here for fifty-three years. Two years ago he made the race for the nomination for sheriff and was defeated by only thirteen votes. He is honest, capable and qualified to fill the office to which he aspires.

'ROUND-ABOUT.

The case of State vs. J. M. Hamilton, of Oran, charged with felonious assault upon R. F. Hollingshead, brought many Oranites to Benton Monday. Mr. Hamilton waived preliminary hearing before Squire Huff-stetter and gave bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance at the next term of the circuit court.

Mrs. E. M. Vine (nee Tera Fullen-wider) of Kansas City, who has spent quite a while visiting her brother, Du P., here, left for her home Tuesday, accompanied by Mrs. M. T. James, also of Kansas City, who has been here visiting her uncle, Peter Held.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leedy, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lambert, James McPhet-ers, R. A. Kingsbury, R. B. Wade and Miss Addie Wylie, all of Benton, attended the Marshall-Austin wedding at Sikeston Wednesday evening.

Theon Heiserer came over from Essex Saturday and remained until Tuesday to attend the marriage of his sister, Coena, to Louis Dohogne, at New Hamburg. After the wedding Theon left for Jackson.

H. C. Bryant died at his home in Vanduser, Tuesday morning, of pneumonia. Mr. Bryant only recently moved to Vanduser from Benton. His remains were brought here Wednesday for burial.

B. F. Marshall, of Blodgett, and Miss Florence Austin, of Richwoods, were married at the M. E. Church, at Sikeston, by Rev. Clark, Wednesday evening.

Prof. Schulte and Vincent Heiserer, of New Hamburg, and W. H. Strubbe-field and Wm. Wilson, of Oran, were visitors at Benton Saturday.

Andrew Dirnbarger, Joseph Mier, Ferdinand Bisher and Andrew Bechel, all of the New Hamburg settlement, were in Benton last Friday.

"There ought to be three KICKERS in every county," remarked a farmer the other day who is just beginning to get his eyes open.

Henry Kemper, of Bloda, was here on business Monday. He reports matters as running smoothly in his burg.

J. W. Clemson, J. D. Bowman and Ed. L. Miller, of Oran, came over Monday—in search of something to eat.

Nick Menz, the Rockview merchant, was here Monday and reports things as moving smoothly at Rockview.

Mrs. C. P. Haw, who has been seriously ill of whooping cough and pneumonia, is recovering slowly.

The big Democratic side-show will be opened soon at St. Joseph. Apply to Bill Phelps for your "pass."

Wm. Adams died at the old home-stead, west of Benton, Thursday morning, of dropsy.

Sheriff Henderson and business at Morley, Vanduser and Oran the first of the week.

Prosecuting Attorney Kelly and Albert DeReign were at Oran Tuesday.

Leo Heiserer has about recovered from his spell of smallpox.

A Correction.

In announcing the elopement of Wesley Hawkins and Miss Annie Bollinger, the KICKER said that Mr. Bollinger desired that his daughter marry Mr. John Gangle. This was the report at the time, but Mr. Bollinger says it is incorrect. He says that he and the Gangles are near neighbors and that the young folks had been going together for years, and that it was his understanding that his daughter began going with other young men, and that he requested of her not to be going with young men promiscuously, but to make a selection. Mr. Bollinger received a letter from his daughter last week saying that she and her husband were at present visiting Mr. Hawkins' uncle at Charleston.

Initiative and Referendum.

The Direct Legislation League of Missouri is composed of prominent men of all political parties, and has for its object the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum, "an explanation and definition of which is as follows:

Direct Legislation—Lawmaking directly by the voters.

The Initiative—The proposal of a law by a percentage of the voters, which must then go to the Referendum.

The Referendum—The vote at the polls on a law proposed through the Initiative, or on any law passed by a lawmaking body, whose reference is petitioned for by a percentage of the voters.

William H. H. Hutson.

In the proper place will be found the announcement of William H. H. Hutson, of Moreland township, as a candidate for Treasurer of Scott county—subject to the primary.

Few men have lived in Scott county longer than Mr. Hutson. He is one of our oldest citizens and none stand higher for honesty and integrity. He is competent to fill the office to which he aspires.

What God Gives a Boy.

A body to keep clean and healthy, as a dwelling for his mind and a temple for his soul.

A pair of hands to use for himself and others, but never against others for himself.

A pair of feet to do errands of love and kindness and charity and business but not to loiter in places of mischief or temptation or sin.

A pair of lips to speak true, kind, brave words.

A pair of ears to hear music of bird, bees and human voice, but not to give heed to what the serpent says or to what diabolical God or his mother.

A pair of eyes to see the beautiful, the good and true—God's finger-prints in flower and field and snowflake.—Young Crusader.

"God Gives Us Men."

The Fifty-seventh congress has been long enough in session to reveal its tendencies and to outline its record. Looking at the situation as it is in Washington today, thoughtful Americans see the house attempting to discriminate against our Filipino wards as we never discriminated against them when they were utterly foreign to us.

They see Cuba, bonds to Spain we dissolved, menaced with complete commercial separation from us, and with a commercial isolation which even the Madrid government did not impose upon her. They see the aspiration of the American people for an Isthmian canal that will at the same time facilitate their commerce and strengthen their national defenses, juggled, paltered with, and tossed about as if it were a mere trifling of the day.

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